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## Educational Department.

J. H. SAUNDERS, Editor.

### School Reports.

We gave our views regarding the benefits to be derived from school reports in our last. We showed that these examinations and reports, rightly managed, may, in time, to a great extent, remove the necessity for corporal punishment in our schools. True, there will be a few cases that these will not reach. We have laws for every grade of crime, and penalties attached. If men violate these laws, they must suffer the penalty. All good citizens obey the laws, become public opinion says to man is a good citizen unless he does. All good citizens keep out of jail, because public opinion says it is disgraceful to be in prison. So public opinion, rightly formed, can make all good children a credit without corporal punishment. We hope the teachers of the State, the State prisons, houses of correction, and other modes of punishment for men, shall be abolished. As long as men will trample justice under foot, as long as men rob, steal, burn, murder and swear falsely, just that long we shall be compelled to have penalties attached to our laws. Likewise, children who refuse to do right must suffer the penalty. But if public opinion is rightly shaped, children who have a reasonable amount of pride and honor can be governed better by reports than by corporal punishment. But I am asked by some teachers how I would manage these reports.

Examine the pupils either monthly or quarterly. Be sure that the questions given require a thorough knowledge of everything passed over. Keep a strict account of conduct and attendance. Grade these as well as the papers. Having obtained the standing of a pupil in department and each branch studied, find the average and report in the Teachers' Column. Or, if you do not like this method, have some marks printed (Mr. Warren would be pleased to give you order and will print them in any form you wish) and send the report to the child's parents to be signed. If you have your reports printed in the Courier, find out if any of your patrons do not take it. Go to such patrons, show them the report, tell the children read it for themselves; tell your patrons how important it is that they should encourage the country paper. Tell them what an excellent paper it is, and show them how it can be made more useful than reading, whipping, or beating the children. Show them how it will be beneficial in stimulating the children to have a better grade next time. Show them also that the children are thus taught to read newspapers, and how much useful knowledge they can acquire in this way. Every teacher has observed how much easier it is to teach those children who read newspapers than those who do not. Therefore, it is the teacher's interest to aid the printer in getting up a large list of readers in his district. Besides, Mr. Warren has given the teachers a column free of cost, and the teachers ought to feel it their duty to help him in return for what he has done for us.

### Report of Hickman School.

SECOND DIVISION.

George Parks, 50; Nona Parks, 55; Ida Underwood, 51; Mollie Thomas, 53; Carrie Ramage, 58; Mary Ramage, 58; Willie Barry, 68; Peter Taylor, 74; John Kneer, 65; Peter Gouger, 83; Dixie Harness, 84; Willie Outten, 83; Harry Person, 75; Sammie White, 86; Jimmie Warner, 81; Jack Effinger, 74; Herman Sams, 70; George Thompson, 89; Charley Hedrick, 70; Mary Thompson, 83; Pontine Metheny, 75; Louis Dickson, 85; George Buck, 83; Harry Ellison, 85; George Welshman, 78.

ADELLE ALLEN, Teacher.

### Worth Saving.

[Memphis Avalanche.]

The business men of Memphis think that a city that can receive nearly 9,000 bales of cotton in one day is worth saving. And it is. It is a city that resolve to leave no stone unturned to save it. With coal water, sewers and pavements, Memphis will be the healthiest city in the country. It is now the best trading point in the South. Free of epidemics and the population will be doubled within ten years and property will be quadrupled in value. It will be a big investment for the property owners to expend \$2,000,000 for the next two years for the permanent sanitary improvement of Memphis.

SOME INTERESTING DATES.—Post-offices were first established in 1644; printed musical notes were first used in 1673; watches were first constructed in 1400; America was first discovered in 1492; the printing press was set up at Copenhagen in 1483; Copernicus announced his discovery of the true system of the universe in 1547; Albert Durer gave the world a prophecy of future wood engraving in 1527; Jergens set the spinning wheel in motion in 1538—the germ of all the busy wheels and looms of 10,000 future factories; modern needles first came into use in 1545; the first knives were used in England, and the first wheel carriages in France in 1559; the first newspaper was published in England in 1588; telescopes were invented in 1590; spectacles were first made by Kepler, and Tycho Brahe were contemporaries in 1590. These are some of the most important headlines of European history within a single century.

## Who Pays the Revenue.

The following statement as to who pays the revenue necessary to keep up the General Government, will take many of our readers by surprise. The States are given in the order of the amounts paid. That Kentucky is the fourth largest paying State in the Union is a fact that few will at first be disposed to credit, and that she pays more than double what the six New England States altogether, is still more incredible. But such are the facts in this case, as may be seen from figures taken from the report of the Internal Revenue Department. They are as follows:

Illinois	\$19,499,913
Ohio	15,019,730
New York	12,550,419
Kentucky	10,440,892
Virginia	9,847,263
Pennsylvania	9,070,401
Indiana	8,556,832
Missouri	8,245,938
Maryland	2,265,740
California	2,220,174
North Carolina	2,220,174
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Michigan	2,220,174

These results will, of course be brought about by causes which the COURIER nor the NEWS cannot control, but we can and should submit our views towards shaping an intelligent public sentiment. The cause of sectionalism lies deeper than is embodied in the mere occupant of the Presidential chair. It lies in the shape and attitude of the two great political parties of the country—the Democratic and Republican. As a party paper the NEWS may attempt to do this, or to defend the attitude of our own party, but, laying aside the view as to which party is the most to blame or whether the Democratic party is to blame at all or not, we submit that it is a plain and undeniable fact that the public sentiment is the Democratic party.

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## Woodland and Vicinity.

Mr. Editor: As there has not been a communication to your paper from this place for some time, I think a few words at this time will not be out of place. The health of this community is splendid. Prof. J. Livermore is teaching a rising school at the Woodland academy, with great success. Prof. Boyle's school is booming, and continues to increase almost daily. We agree with the person who said, "who have wood to shed, shed it now." All kinds of wood is said to be in abundance out north of here. The enterprising mill firm, Messrs. Kelly & Cassidy, are doing a big business, both with their saw and grist mills. It will be remembered that they took the premium for the best mill of flour at the Union City and Hickman fairs. The Good Templars held at this place a thing of the past. It was but a not so long ago that there is so little interest in such things here, that if anything of the kind is ever started it is allowed to die down just as its good results are being felt. The same might be said of a great many other things.

The wheat crops look fine, and there is a larger amount sown this fall than usual. It has not been attacked by the Hessian fly, as is sometimes the case.

This crop will fall greatly below what the farmers expected two months ago. It is considerably damaged by being blown down, as a great deal has spoiled.

As the nights are getting long, now is the time for the boys to organize their debating societies. Boys can't get up enough energy to start a debating society at the academy? Let some who will take the lead. RAME BEE, Woodland Mills, Nov. 19, 1879.

## Advance in Price of Food.

Within the past week the prices of almost every article of consumption has advanced from ten to twenty-five per cent. Beyond the demand for European currencies we know of no special reason for this, unless speculation is forcing into storage what could be sold at lower figures than the market would bear. We have had no failure in crops, and the home market for foodstuffs does not look very bright. But the year's shipments, and yet as stated, there has been a surprising advance for foodstuffs in general. In fact, the prices of almost all foodstuffs have advanced from ten to twenty-five per cent. Beyond the demand for European currencies we know of no special reason for this, unless speculation is forcing into storage what could be sold at lower figures than the market would bear. We have had no failure in crops, and the home market for foodstuffs does not look very bright. But the year's shipments, and yet as stated, there has been a surprising advance for foodstuffs in general. 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## Local Items.

Short communications on public questions printed, but not responsible for sentiments or expressions of correspondence, except where we refuse to give name of author.

Thanksgiving services were held at the Episcopal church, Thursday.

The Mayfield warehouses are receiving the new crop of wheat.

A new lot of the latest styles of hats, just received at J. AMBERG'S SON'S.

Rev. J. D. Rush preached a Thanksgiving sermon at the Methodist church, Thursday.

The repairs to the county jail are completed, and that institution now ready to be used for 25 years.

Our town people are about served out for butter, eggs, &c. Why don't you bring such things to market?

Five No. 2 mackerels for 25 cents, at F. E. CASE & CO'S.

Some Hickman merchants are talking of lacking Mr. Plaut, of Ohio, in an immense steam cotton gin.

Several government engineers have been engaged at Hickman and vicinity the present week making surveys of the Mississippi.

In the absence of any regular packers, a good number of Hickman merchants are packing pork. A good idea, and we hope it will pay.

All the regular St. Louis, Memphis, Cincinnati, New Orleans, and Vicksburg packets, are now on regular duty. They have generally been "held up" the past summer.

For mince meat, apple butter and can goods, go to F. E. CASE & CO.

Now is the time to start new lines of business. Everything is looking up, and there is very little risk as to realizing some profits. Be not a drone. Do something.

The Times predicts that Fulton is to come an important cotton market. The merchants of that town purchased 150,000 pounds of seed cotton from neighboring farmers on one day last week.

**Found:** On the State road, a pair of black saddlebags, containing family supplies—one dollar's worth of coffee, and one dollar's worth of whiskey. The owner can get the same by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement.

Immense stock of fancy groceries at bottom prices, at F. E. CASE & CO'S.

Says the Nashville American: Two thousand tons of cotton seed will be brought to Nashville this season off the Mississippi river, in consequence of the running of the steamer from Hickman, Ky., up and down that stream. Other produce, and especially cotton, might also be brought to the Nashville market.

**CHILDREN'S SHOES AT AMBERG'S.** From 25 cents to \$1.25.

The immense number of visitors flocking to Hickman lake every season is indicating the idea of erecting a magnificent hotel at some point on the lake. It would pay. The vast number of sporting men which go there every season is astonishing. They come from England, Canada, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and all the larger cities.

The Clinton Democrat says that one week a dead tree was blown down, striking a boy who was driving a team, and badly crushed his skull. The horses escaped, but the tree struck another team near by, perhaps fatally injuring the two horses, while the driver was unhurt. The boy first mentioned had good equestrian skill, and is expected to recover.

New York backstreet hour, at F. E. CASE & CO'S, at 6 cents.

The ladies of the Baptist church gave a supper and entertainment Thursday night, to raise money to help complete their church building. They had an elegant and most bounteous supper prepared, and no trust were well patronized. Yesterday promised very weather, and we fear on this account they were not so successful as they deserved. These ladies deserved success, they worked faithfully and had spread one of the finest suppers ever given in Hickman.

Don't go away from home to do your trading. Buy everything you can from your neighbors and thus keep as much money as possible in circulation at home. If you are doing business here, you are dependent upon the people here for a living. But if you make a business of going elsewhere to trade how can you expect others to trade with you? If you are a farmer, come to Hickman to do your trading as we are satisfied you will make money by so doing. Our merchants will sell you goods as low as you can get them elsewhere.

The steamer Nashville, new from St. Louis, and built expressly for the trade, will enter the Hickman cotton trade on Dec. 10, and will thereafter make regular trips from Hickman to points up and down the river. The Nashville merchants are building great expectations on this direct connection with the Mississippi river trade, and their expectations will no doubt be realized if properly cultivated. Hickman merchants, if they will try, ought to get good trade by this new arrangement. At the same date, the railroad company will place a splendid new wharf-boat at Hickman.

We have a nice line of ladies' cloaks and shawls, balmaines, cotton and woolen hosiery, notions, boots and shoes, which we will sell very low. Call and examine. J. AMBERG'S SON'S.

**FAIR OFFICERS.**—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fulton County Agricultural Society, on last Saturday, the following board of directors were elected to serve the ensuing year: C. L. Randle, H. W. Tull, A. B. Rorer, S. W. Landreale, A. A. Farris, Geo. Warren, P. J. Oliver, E. M. Usher, M. B. Shaw, J. W. Cowgill, O. W. Miles.

The new board of directors having organized, the same evening, elected the following officers:

President—C. L. Randle.

Vice-President—H. W. Tull.

Secretary—A. T. Taylor.

Treasurer—J. L. McElwee.

Go to the Laclede. It is not only the best hotel in Hickman, but the best in Southern Kentucky.

## RIVER COMMISSION AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The members of the Mississippi River Commission, a committee of General Harrison, of Indiana; Prof. Marshall Peck, of Ohio; and Major Howard, and four other eminent engineers, (except Prof. Peck) passed down the river on the General Howard, on Tuesday, taking personal observations, and setting the different points of engineers to work taking the triangulations and topography of the river.

One set of engineers, with Major John R. Howard as chief, are now at Hickman. Another is at work at Columbus, and the third at Tiptonville.

After these will follow a party of engineers directing their investigations to the topography of the river. This party will reach Hickman in about two weeks.

The members of the General Commission (except Prof. Peck, who is now in Europe) will on their return trip, which will be in about two weeks, visit Hickman and personally inspect the river at this point.

It is the purpose of the Commission to submit a full survey and report of the river from this to New Orleans, if possible in December, this winter, or at least before next spring.

The end work engaged in this work, of course, has no knowledge what progress will be made in regard to the great contemplated improvements, but they are generally enthusiastic in their ideas that only a few years will witness wonderful accomplishments in this river.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—The Methodist annual conference, which has been in session at Mayfield, the past week, has adjourned. The next annual conference will be held at Trenton, Tenn.

Rev. N. P. Ramsey was assigned to the Presiding Elder of this district, and very desirable and acceptable appointment.

Hickman Station—Mr. — Dr. — Mr. Wilson, who occupied the Hickman pulpit the past year, goes to Bismarck, Tenn. Columbus—J. D. Rorer.

Union City—Mr. Roberts.

**COTTON MARKET.**—The market opened weak but closed firm and the receipts here, as well as at all the larger markets, are considerably over those for the same time last year. We look for still higher prices in cotton, as the receipts are being taken by speculators. The market is very quiet.

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## The Seymour Movement.

(Washington Post.)

We do not like the expression, but in the fact we may be universally and completely understood, we are obliged to use it. "The Seymour movement is booming." It is booming in New York, it is booming in Indiana, it is booming in the West. It is booming in the solid South. It is booming in the alleged solid North. All other Democratic booms are as faint when compared with it. Democrats everywhere are enthusiastic about it.

Through the nomination of Seymour, they see clearly defined the road to victory and redemption in 1880. They propose to take advantage of such an opportunity. The feeling is growing with each succeeding day that it will be a successful day for the Seymour movement.

It is only yesterday that the Seymour movement was a mere "talk" in the Democratic circles. It is now a fact. The principal inducement to this will be the nomination of Seymour for President by the Democratic convention which he will accept.

**MEMORIALS.**—KENTUCKY LAGER, No. 411, K. of H. J. HICKMAN, Ky., Nov. 21, 1879. The members of Kentucky Lager, No. 411, K. of H., are hereby notified that the badge with the memorial seal is now being sent to the members of the Lager, and they are requested to send it to the Lager at 14 cents of this day.

For more complete information, see notice in this issue.

A. J. CASE, Director.

J. W. Cowgill, Hickman, Ky.

**Obituary.**—WILLIAM MAR, infant son of C. M. and Maria A. Mar, born April 25th, 1879, died August 14th, 1879.

Sad indeed is it to lose any of those whom the All-wise Being sends us to cheer and lighten our footsteps in the pilgrimage of life, and hence more sorrowful is it when we lose one who has been so long with us, and who has been so dear to our hearts. Grieve not, kind parents, angels of God have borne your darling, on their snowy wings, to the bosom of the Good Shepherd, who will protect him from all harm, and will send him back to us when the hour of his return shall come.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock, on Sunday, the 17th inst., at the residence of the deceased.

Interment at the cemetery.

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